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Proposed organization of work for the eighth session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

Addendum

1. The proposed organization of work for the eighth session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, set out below, has been prepared pursuant to relevant decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council. Its purpose is to facilitate the consideration of agenda items within the time available, taking into account the conference facilities allocated to the Commission. The proposed organization of work and timetable were approved by the bureau of the Commission.

2. The proposed timetable should be considered as purely indicative in character. Once the Commission completes the general discussion of an item before an indicated time, it may wish to move immediately to the next item on its work schedule.

3. The Economic and Social Council, by its decision 1997/232, decided that the Commission, from its seventh session onwards, in addition to plenary meetings, should be provided with full interpretation services for a total of 12 meetings for informal consultations on draft proposals and for meetings of open-ended working groups, with the precise allocation of time for the different types of meetings to be determined by the Commission under its agenda item entitled "Adoption of the agenda and organization of work", on the understanding that no more than two meetings will be held concurrently, in order to ensure maximum participation of delegations.

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4. On the recommendation of the Commission at its seventh session, and of the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1998/14, the General Assembly adopted resolution 53/111 of 9 December 1998. By that resolution, the Assembly established an open-ended intergovernmental ad hoc committee for the purpose of elaborating a comprehensive international convention against transnational organized crime and of discussing the elaboration, as appropriate, of international instruments addressing trafficking in women and children, combating the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition, and illegal trafficking in and transporting of migrants, including by sea. The Assembly also requested the intergovernmental ad hoc committee to hold a meeting during the eighth session of the Commission for at least three working days. The Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of a Convention against Transnational Organized Crime held its first session from 19 to 29 January 1999, and its second session from 8 to 12 March 1999. At its first session, the Ad Hoc Committee decided to consider at its third session in April 1999 issues pertaining to money-laundering and confiscation. The Ad Hoc Committee was also of the view that some time should be devoted at its third session to consideration of the additional international instruments addressing the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition, and illegal trafficking in and transporting of migrants, including by sea. Because of the amount of work that the Ad Hoc Committee is required to undertake at its third session, it is recommended that eight meetings of the working group time be allocated to the Ad Hoc Committee.

5. It is proposed that the Commission, after its consideration of items 1 and 2, should begin its work with item 6, so that the Ad Hoc Committee may be convened after the introduction of this item which is relevant to its work.

6. Consequently, the Ad Hoc Committee, which will have at its disposal interpretation services in all official languages of the United Nations, would start its third session on the morning of Wednesday, 28 April 1999, and would continue up to and including the afternoon of Monday, 3 May. It is proposed that four meetings should be allocated for informal consultations on proposals and recommendations on substantive agenda items. Informal consultations by the Committee of the Whole on draft proposals should start in the morning of Tuesday, 4 May 1999, and should continue up to and including the afternoon of Wednesday, 5 May. It is expected that the plenary will conclude its meetings on the substantive items of the agenda on Wednesday, 5 May. This arrangement will allow time for the Commission to consider any outstanding matters on the morning of Thursday, 6 May.

7. A strict time limit of 10 minutes has been set for the delivery of statements on the substantive items of the agenda. Heads of delegations or representatives holding ministerial rank, whose attendance at the Commission may be limited, may deliver their statements or address the Commission on any of the agenda items at their convenience.

8. Arrangements have been made to hold morning and afternoon meetings during the eighth session of the Commission. It is proposed that the meetings should be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

Proposed timetable of work of the eighth session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

Date	*Time*	*Item*	*Plenary*	*Time*	*Working groups or Committee of the Whole*
Tuesday, 27 April 1999	9.30 a.m.		Conference room III, "C" building, 7th floor, informal (organizational) meeting for members of the Commission and heads of delegations	a.m.	None
	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	1	Election of officers		
		2	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work		
		6	International cooperation in combating transnational crime (a) Implementation of the Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan against Organized Transnational Crime (b) Elaboration of an international convention against organized transnational crime and other possible international instruments		
	3 to 6 p.m.	6	Continuation of item 6	p.m.	None
Wednesday, 28 April 1999	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	6	Continuation and conclusion of item 6	a.m.	Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of the Convention against Transnational Organized Crime: third session
	12 noon		Closure of list of speakers on item 6		
	3 to 6 p.m.	3	Work of the Centre for International Crime Prevention (a) Criminal justice reform and strengthening of legal institutions: the development, analysis and policy use of crime and criminal justice information and the computerization of criminal justice operations (b) Technical cooperation (c) Cooperation with other United Nations entities and bodies (d) Resource mobilization	p.m.	Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of the Convention against Transnational Organized Crime: third session

Date	*Time*	*Item*	*Plenary*	*Time*	*Working groups or Committee of the Whole*
Thursday, 29 April 1999	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	3	Continuation and conclusion of item 3	a.m.	Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of the Convention against Transnational Organized Crime: third session
	12 noon	Closure of speakers list on item 3			
	3 to 6 p.m.	4	Strategies for crime prevention (a) Promotion and maintenance of the rule of law and good governance: crime and public security (b) Elimination of violence against women (c) Development of crime prevention standards	p.m.	Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of the Convention against Transnational Organized Crime: third session
Friday, 30 April 1999	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	4	Continuation and conclusion of item 4	a.m.	Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of the Convention against Transnational Organized Crime: third session
	12 noon	Closure of list of speakers on item 4			
	3 to 6 p.m.	5	Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders	p.m.	Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of the Convention against Transnational Organized Crime: third session

Date	*Time*	*Item*	*Plenary*	*Time*	*Working groups or Committee of the Whole*
Monday, 3 May 1999	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	5	Continuation of item 5	a.m.	Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of the Convention against Transnational Organized Crime: third session
	3 to 6 p.m.	5	Continuation and conclusion of item 5	p.m.	Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of the Convention against Transnational Organized Crime: third session
	5 p.m.	Closure of list of speakers on item 5			
Tuesday, 4 May 1999	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	7	Use and application of United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice	a.m.	Committee of the Whole: informal consultations
	3 to 6 p.m.	7	Continuation and conclusion of item 7	p.m.	Committee of the Whole: informal consultations
	5 p.m.	Closure of list of speakers on item 7			
Wednesday, 5 May 1999	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	8	Strategic management and programme questions (a) Strategic management (b) Programme questions (c) Appointment of the members of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute	a.m.	Committee of the Whole: informal consultations
	12 noon	Closure of list of speakers on item 8			
	3 to 6 p.m.	8 9	Continuation and conclusion of item 8 Provisional agenda for the ninth session of the Commission	p.m.	Committee of the Whole: informal consultations
Thursday, 6 May 1999	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.		Consideration of and action on any outstanding draft proposals	a.m.	None
	3 to 6 p.m.	10	Adoption of the report of the Commission on its eighth session	p.m.	None